

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. **M 22-30**

Magi No. 1605025604

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Barnesley House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 15715 Avery Rd. ☐ not for publication

city, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joan Banfield

street & number 15715 Avery Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland, 20853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 2039

street & number folio 244

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed </div>
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a late nineteenth-century farmhouse in an L configuration with a central dormer on the main facade. There is a porch with square columns across the entire facade. Over the doorway is a transom light. The boxed cornice is returned into the gable ends. A pointed, arched window in the center gable and the square first and second story windows have cornices, and the sills are supported by brackets. A small bay extends from the west corner of the south facade on the first floor. The foundation is fieldstone.</p> <p>On the grounds is a fieldstone foundation of a bank-barn. It has been roofed for use as a sheep shed. The original floor beams and supporting posts for the main barn floor remain; the joints are all nailed with machined nails.</p>	

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Barnesley farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical to that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The Barnesley family was one of the original families to settle the Olney area. They owned a great deal of land between present day Emory Lane and Rt. 108.¹ The house is believed to have been built by James Barnesley, an Olney farmer, about 1860 when, after the death of William Prather, Barnesley purchased the land in a trustee sale for \$4598.33.² The farm consisted of 351 3/4 acres, parts of land tracts referred to as "Boyd's Delay", "resurvey on Plain Dealing", and "Resurvey on John and Rose."

From James the farm was passed on to his son, Samuel, in May of 1883.³ Samuel in turn passed it on to his son, William.⁴ Samuel and William had both received everything except some of the original 351 3/4 acres, part of which went to another heir of James, Thomas T. Barnesley.⁵ When William died in 1918 he left behind him debts on the real estate as well as other debts too numerous for his heirs to pay. Thus, his wife, Alice, and his mother, Laura, had to sell the estate. The trustee sale listed the farm as an 81 acre farm improved by a house, double corn crib and a wagon shed.⁶

The property then went to the Montgomery County National Bank of Rockville in 1926 (who had previously purchased, in 1925, Thomas Barnesley's 180 acres in a mortgage sale).⁷ In November of 1929 the bank sold the Barnesley properties together to John H. Smithwick. In August of 1934, John defaulted on his mortgage and the farm went back to the Bank of Rockville.⁸ The Bank sold it in 1935 and it went through a succession of owners until it was purchased in February of 1955 by the present owner, Joan Banfield.⁹

see attachment sheet A

attachment sheet A
Barnesley House

- ¹Mont. Co. Hist Soc. Geneology files.
- ²Equity JGH 3/680, 1859, Mont, Co. Judgement Records. also Deed
EBP 5/169, Mont. Co. Land Records. House also appears on M&B map of 1865
- ³Deed EBP 28/224, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- ⁴Equity PBR 32/133, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.
- ⁵Deed 212/56, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- ⁶Equity PBR 32/133 #4551, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.
- ⁷Equity PBR 31/453 #4462, " "
- ⁸Deed 574/345, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- ⁹Deed 2039/244, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11.25 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 8/82

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Barnsley House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
15715 Avery Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Rockville				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered				
YES: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Banfield				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
15715 Avery Road				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Rockville		Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Rockville		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

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Banfield House (Barnsley) Avery Rd. Rock Creek

Conversation w/ Mrs. Banfield on Feb. 28, 1973

Said oldtimers told her that her hse. and burned yellow frame hse, at Mills Stables were built and lived in by two Barnsley brothers ca. 1870's. The family in her hse. (Barnsley) had 4 children, 2 sons, 2 daughters. One son was killed by runaway horses dragging him and the other, a dipsomaniac, hung himself in a barn that stood years ago where the present gas line passes thru the property to the S.W. of the hse. The Banfields have done very little plowing in their 25 or so years at the farm, but Mr. B. found a quartz arrowhead in the driveway.

Mike Dwyer

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 2/28/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

MIN
MADRYA
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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See correspondence dated.

8/31/84

M: 22/1.....Dorsey Springhouse
M: 22/2Pugh Farm
M: 22/14.....Oatland Farm
M: 22/25.....J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm
M: 22/30.....Barnesley House
M: 22/34.....Eubanks Farm
M: 22/35.....Needwood Mansion

M: 22/7.....Bussard Farm
M: 22/15.....The Ridge
M: 22/17.....Flint Hill II

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

8/31/84

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-
VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA
RESOURCES

at
7:30 P.M.
Tuesday
October 2, 1984
in the Auditorium of the
Montgomery County Regional Offices
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the
following historic resources presently listed in
the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites
in Montgomery County should be included in the
Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1. Dorsey Springhouse #22/1
Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
2. Pugh Farm #22/2
6411 Dorsey Road
3. Oatland Farm #22/14
4231 Briars Road
4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25
5867 Muncaster Mill Road
5. Barnesley House #22/30
15715 Avery Road
6. Eubanks Farm #22/34
6825 Needwood Road
7. Needwood Mansion #22/35
6700 Needwood Road
8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4
Route 124 - Laytonsville
9. Holland Farm #22/8
19510 Muncaster Road
10. Duley Farm #22/9
19600 Muncaster Road
11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11
Olney/Laytonsville Road near
Muncaster Mill Road
13. Thomas Griffith #22/12
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
14. Chichester House #22/13
Olney/Laytonsville Road
15. Granby Farm #22/16
Muncaster Road
16. H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19
Muncaster Road near Redland Road
17. Belt Farm #22/26
Route 115 & Avery Road
18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27
Route 115 & Avery Road
19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28
Muncaster Mill Road & North
Branch of Rock Creek
20. Pather Cemetery #22/29
Meyers Property off Avery Road
21. Avery #22/31
Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22. Gas House &
Watagate Phone Booth #22/32
Route 355 at College Parkway

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MR

Barnesley House

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907
(301) 495-4565

MEMORANDUM

August 31, 1984

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and
Community Development
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental
Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation
Commission
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.
SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic
Preservation: Rock Creek Planning Area Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this August 1984 Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission concerning the unevaluated Rock Creek Planning Area historic resources identified in the County's Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites.

The Preservation Commission recommends the designation of seven (7) sites for protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code. The Commission also recommends the removal of 15 sites listed in the Locational Atlas.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Plan on Tuesday, October 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

PB:MR:dws
Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT
TO THE
ROCK CREEK MASTER PLAN
CHAPTER VIII

F. Historic Sites Master Plan and Ordinance

There are a number and a variety of historic resources in the County. Some are protected from adverse state or federal actions through identification on the Maryland State Inventory or the National Register of Historic Places. The County, recognizing the need for additional protection for these sites and for sites of local significance, adopted a functional Master Plan for Historic Preservation and enacted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code in 1979.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission was created with the enactment of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and was charged with the responsibility of researching and evaluating historic resources according to criteria specified in the ordinance. The Commission then recommends those worthy of preservation to the Montgomery County Planning Board for inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protection under the ordinance.

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board holds a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic resource with other public interests.

If, in balance, the Planning Board finds the historic resource should be designated, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the County Council. The Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and thus, subject to the protection of the ordinance.

The architectural and historic significance of the Rock Creek Planning Area resources identified on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, -- the County official historic inventory -- have been reviewed by the Preservation Commission as part of this comprehensive amendment.

As a result of their evaluation, the Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan for Historic Preservation be amended to include the following sites:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
22/1	Dorsey Springhouse	Dorsey Road	7330 sq. ft.

The modest board and batten springhouse covers the headwaters of Rock Creek, which, next to the Potomac River, has historically been Montgomery County's most important body of water.

- Symbolically important for its place in the agricultural and industrial growth of the county which depended on Rock Creek.
 - Environmental setting to be a 50-foot radius around the springhouse.
- 22/2 Pugh Farm 6411 Dorsey Rd. 1.49
- Pugh Farm ca. 1853, is a fine, relatively unaltered example of Gothic Revival architecture so prevalent in Montgomery County in the 19th century.
 - The house retains a number of fine architectural details such as 6 over 6 windows and the patterned tin roof.
 - The entire 1.49 acre parcel is the recommended environmental setting.
- 22/14 Oatland Farm 4231 Briars Rd. 130 Acres
- Architecturally this ca. 1875 house is an outstanding example of the transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style so popular in the period 1850 - 1870. It contains many touches of elegance such as the original pedimented portico and the bracketed boxed cornice.
 - Associated with the family of Washington Bowie, prominent area merchant of the early 19th century.
 - The parcel currently contains 130 acres; the environmental setting when delineated should include the small log house, the stone springhouse, and the Bowie family cemetery.
- 22/25 J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm 5867 Muncaster Mill Rd.
- The earliest section of the frame Cashell Farmhouse, in the American farmhouse style, was built in the mid 19th century by the Hon. Hazel H. Cashell. His son John H. added a turriculated, jerkin-headed Queene Anne block at the end of that century.
 - Important for its association with the Cashell family as well as the high level of architecture achieved by the hybrid-style building.
- 22/30 Barnesley House 15715 Avery Rd. 11.25 Acres
- A good example of a well-maintained 19th century gothic revival farmhouse, once so ubiquitous in Montgomery County.
 - The entire 11.25 acres parcel is the recommended environmental setting.



NAME BARNSLEY (BANFIELD) HOUSE

M: #22-30

LOCATION AVERY Rd ROCKVILLE, Md

FACADE W.

PHOTO TAKEN 2/28/73 M. DWYER